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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--UNGA APPEAL TO AMNESTY ALL  
POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: USUN 5230

1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INITIATIVE PROPOSED REFTEL AND IS  
PLEASED TO AUTHORIZE U.S. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION ON  
THIS SUBJECT AS MODIFIED BELOW.

A. OMIT FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WHICH REFERS TO THE  
FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. BECAUSE RESOLUTION  
DEALS WITH A QUESTION WHICH IS OF VERY SENSITIVE POLITICAL  
CONTENT, PARTICULARLY RE EASTERN EUROPE, DEPARTMENT DOES  
NOT WANT TO USE HELSINKI DECLARATION AS INSTRUMENT FOR  
PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT OF ANY OF SIGNATORIES.

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B. IT APPEARS FROM TEXT REFTEL THERE HAS BEEN AN

OMISSION OF A PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH. ON BASIS OF A TEXT WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO DEPARTMENT BY MEMBER OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S STAFF, A NEW PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE INSERTED AS THE FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THAT PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WHICH CONTAINS A REFERENCE TO "SUCH REPORTS." (NEW PARAGRAPH INCLUDED IN COMPLETE TEXT OF REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION AT END OF THIS MESSAGE.) YOU WILL NOTE THAT THIS PARAGRAPH LIMITS THE SCOPE OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS COVERED BY RESOLUTION. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN CONNECTION WITH ACTION WHICH CALLED FOR IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS.

C. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH IN REFTTEL IS TOO BROADLY PHRASED AND SHOULD BE MORE NARROWLY FOCUSED SO AS TO AVOID A MIS-USE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO COVER PRISONERS WHO THOUGH PERHAPS POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, ARE IN FACT IMPRISONED BECAUSE OF TERRORIST ACTS.

2. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF APPROVED RESOLUTION WITH DEPARTMENT CHANGES. USUN AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION IN THIRD COMMITTEE UNDER ECOSOC REPORT ITEM. ASSUME THAT PRIOR TO PRESENTATION USDEL WILL MAKE EFFORT TO ENLIST CO-SPONSORS.

DRAFT RESOLUTION.

QTE. NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT, IN SPITE OF CONTINUING DENIAL OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN CERTAIN AREAS GREAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TOWARD ELIMINATING COLONIALISM AND ENSURING THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PEOPLES EVERYWHERE,

BELIEVING THAT THE LESSENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS MAKES EVEN MORE PROMISING RENEWED EFFORTS TO ASSIST PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS,

DEEPLY DISTURBED THAT THERE ARE FREQUENT REPORTS THAT MANY PERSONS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, WRITERS AND PUBLISHERS, PERSONS WHO HAVE SOUGHT THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS TO EXPRESS VIEWS AT VARIANCE WITH THOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HELD BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS OR TO OPPOSE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND PERSONS WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IN THE DISFAVOR OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS, ARE DETAINED OR IMPRISONED, AND IN MANY CASES HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO TORTURE, ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION AND UNFAIR OR SECRET TRIALS IN VIOLATION OF RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

RECALLING THAT PURSUANT TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1235 (XLII) OF 6 JUNE 1967 THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE INFORMATION RELATING TO SUCH REPORTS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION RESOLUTION ---- (XXVIII) (BEGIN BRACKETS) E/CN.4/SUB. 2/L.635 (END BRACKETS) ADOPTED BY THE SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT;

1. APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PROCLAIM AN UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY BY RELEASING ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE SENSE OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY PRIMARILY BECAUSE THEY HAVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SOUGHT PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF VIEWS AT VARIANCE WITH THOSE HELD BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS OR HAVE SOUGHT TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO SUCH PERSONS;

2. REQUESTS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS TO CONDUCT STUDIES INCLUDING VISITS, WHENEVER NECESSARY, TO DETERMINE THE FACTS RELEVANT TO THE RIGHTS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE RESPONSE OF GOVERNMENTS TO THIS APPEAL;

3. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING REQUESTS TO MAKE SUCH VISITS AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE DETENTION, TRIAL OR IMPRISONMENT OF SUCH PERSONS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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